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**The Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission Kicks off Angel Tree for Holiday Season**

It's getting to be that time of year again! The Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission is calling on the community to help sponsor a child in need during the holiday season through the Third Annual Angel Tree event. Commissioners assisted the children in the After School Program at the Cottonwood Recreation Center to decorate the Angel Tree in the Recreation Center lobby. After lights, ornaments, and garland were all put up, members got to know the After School Program participants by sharing favorite holiday memories while eating goodies provided by the Commission. Many laughs, cookies, and smiles were shared during the decoration time.

The After School Program is tailored to school age in elementary and middle school. The program focuses on helping kids build essential skills needed for success in school, as well as in the community. This Program offers elementary to middle school students a chance to capitalize their abilities through youth programming offered at the Cottonwood Recreation Center.

The Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission is made up of youth in the Verde Valley to work closely with the City Council and to provide activities, volunteer work, events, and a voice for the youth in the area. The Commission has monthly meetings open to the public.

If you would like to sponsor a child through the Angel Tree, please stop by the Cottonwood Recreation Center and pick up an ornament on or after Friday, November 30, 2012. Unwrapped gifts or capital sponsorships must be returned by Monday, December 17.

For more information on the After School Program, the Angel Tree, or the Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission, contact Britney Lawler at (928)639-3200.

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